

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A structure in which a plurality of electrical equipments are arranged in a motor vehicle, comprising:

at least two electrical equipments selected from an engine control computer, a relay block, a junction box, an ABS actuator, and a meter unit; and

a vehicle body that defines a space including a generally centralized region as viewed in a direction of the width of the vehicle,

wherein said at least two electrical equipments are concentrated in said generally central region of the space defined by the vehicle body, and

further wherein said generally central region of the space defined by the vehicle body comprises a first region that is closer in the vehicle width direction to a longitudinal centerline of the vehicle than a position at which a brake booster is located, and a second region that is symmetrical with said first region with respect to said vehicle centerline.

Please delete claim 9 without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Haynes' Ford Taurus & Mercury Sable Taurus Repair Manual ("Haynes Taurus Manual"), Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Haynes Taurus Manual in view of Japan Patent Publication No. 01/030,856 to Toshihiro ("Toshihiro"). Further, claim 6 stands rejected under § 103(a) as unpatentable over Haynes Taurus Manual alone, while claim 7 stands rejected under § 103(a) as unpatentable over Haynes Taurus Manual in view of Haynes' Subaru Legacy Automotive Repair Manual ("Haynes Legacy Manual").

Alternatively, claims 3-7 are rejected under § 103(a) as unpatentable over Haynes Taurus Manual alone. Finally, Fig. 7 is objected to as not being labeled as depicting prior art, and the specification is objected to for incorporation of essential material by reference of foreign applications.

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the September 26, 2001 Office Action, and respectfully submit the foregoing amendments and following remarks in response thereto.